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RESPONSE

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 11, 2003, in regards to the above-mentioned application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 11, 2003. It is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.